

Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) One or more ~~tangible~~ computer-readable storage media having physically embodied thereon a computer program configured to, when executed by a processor, present stored data, the media comprising:

a data store including a plurality of items, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of items ~~include~~ includes one or more field entries, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of items are associated with at least one of one or more item-types;

an explorer residing as a single item ~~one of said plurality of items~~ in said data store and housing a first set of data defining a query that identifies one or more desired field entries, and wherein said explorer further houses a second set of data defining an explorer display schema having one or more ~~visual elements~~ explorer decorations selected for display with items having said one or more desired field entries, wherein said query is formatted to be executed by a database engine; and

a shell browser storing one or more item view schemas defining default item decorations to be displayed with items associated with at least one of said one or more item-types, the shell browser being configured to access said explorer and to utilize said first set of data to select items having one or more desired field entries from said data store by executing said query with said database engine and to utilize said second set of data to display said selected items according to said explorer display schema, wherein the shell browser is further configured to identify, for at least a portion of the one or more item-types represented by the selected items, one or more of said default item decorations that do not conflict with said explorer decorations

and to present the non-conflicting default item decorations along with the display of the selected items.

2. (previously presented) The media of Claim 1, wherein said explorer display schema includes one or more decorative elements presented with said selected items.

3. (previously presented) The media of Claim 1, wherein said explorer display schema includes one or more shell view schemas, wherein one of said shell view schemas is utilized to display a subset of said selected items.

4. (previously presented) The media of Claim 3, wherein one or more of the shell view schemas includes one or more display aspects appropriate for displaying said subset of selected items to the user.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The media of Claim 1, wherein said explorer utilizes one or more item display schemas associated with a shell browser to provide one or more display elements included in the display of one or more selected items.

7. (previously presented) The media of Claim 1, wherein said explorer display schema includes verbs related to said selected items.

8. (previously presented) The media of Claim 7, wherein said verbs are associated with applications capable of performing said verbs with respect to one or more of said selected items.

9. – 10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for presenting one or more items in a data store to a user, the method comprising:

selecting a desired field entry corresponding to a field entry associated with at least one item in the data store, wherein at least a portion of the items in the data store include one or more field entries and are associated with at least one of one or more item-types;

defining an explorer display schema that includes one or more ~~visual elements~~ explorer decorations selected for display with items having said desired field entry;

selecting a query for identifying items in the data store having said desired field entry, wherein said query is a database query indicating said desired field entry;

storing ~~an~~ a single item in a data store as an explorer, wherein said explorer houses a set of data defining said query and said explorer display schema;

receiving a user input indicating a user desire to view said explorer;

in response to said user input, accessing said explorer to enable execution of said query with respect to said data store to select one or more items including said desired field entry; and

~~utilizing said explorer to enable~~ displaying of one or more of said selected items to the user according to said explorer display schema defined by said set of data, wherein said displaying includes identifying, for at least a portion of the one or more item-types represented by the selected items, one or more default item decorations that do not conflict with said explorer decorations and presenting the non-conflicting default item decorations along with the display of the selected items.

12. (original) The method of Claim 11, wherein defining said explorer display schema includes defining one or more decorative elements to be included in a display according to said explorer display schema.

13. (original) The method of Claim 11, wherein defining said explorer display schema includes defining one or more shell view schemas, wherein one of said shell view schemas is utilized to display a subset of said selected items.

14. (original) The method of Claim 11, wherein displaying one or more of said items includes utilizing a shell display schema associated with a shell browser to display one or more selected items.

15. (original) The method of Claim 11, wherein displaying one of the said selected items includes utilizing an item display schema associated with a shell browser to provide one or more display attributes included in the display of one or more selected items.

16. (original) The method of Claim 11, wherein displaying said selected items includes displaying verbs which are related to said selected items.

17. (original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said verbs are associated with applications capable of performing said verbs with respect to one or more of said set of selected items.

18. - 19 (canceled)

20. (currently amended) One or more ~~tangible~~ computer-readable storage media having physically embodied thereon a computer program configured to, when executed by a processor, present a plurality of items in a data store to a user comprising:

an explorer storage component configured to store an item in a data store housing a set of data defining a query and one or more ~~visual elements~~ explorer decorations to be displayed in an accordance with an explorer display schema, wherein said query indicates a desired field entry corresponding to a field entry associated with at least one of said items in the data store, wherein at least a portion of the items in the data store include one or more field entries, wherein said query is a database query indicating said desired field entry;

a query-execution engine which is configured to execute said query and to access said data store to select one or more items having the desired field entry, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of items are associated with at least one of one or more item-types; and

a display presentation component which is configured to utilize said item to present one or more of said selected items to a user according to said explorer display schema by executing a set of instructions that reads said set of data from said item, wherein said display presentation component is further configured to identify, for at least a portion of the one or more item-types represented by the selected items, one or more default item decorations that do not conflict with said one or more explorer decorations and to present the non-conflicting default item decorations along with the display of the selected items.

21. (currently amended) One or more ~~tangible~~ computer-readable storage media having physically embodied thereon an application configured to, when executed by a processor, present one or more items from a data store to a user, said application comprising:

an explorer storage component configured to store an item in a data store housing a set of data defining a query and one or more ~~visual elements~~ explorer decorations to be displayed in an accordance with an explorer display schema, wherein said query indicates a desired field entry corresponding to a field entry associated with at least one of said items in the data store, wherein at least a portion of the items in the data store include one or more field entries, wherein said query is a database query indicating said desired field entry and being stored as part of said explorer storage component;

an item selection module which is configured to read said set of data from said item and to execute said query defined by said set of data to select one or more items from the data store having a desired field entry, wherein at least a portion of said plurality of items are associated with at least one of one or more item-types; and

a shell interaction module which is configured to execute a set of instructions that reads said set of data from said item to allow presentation of one or more of said selected items to a user according to said explorer display schema that includes said one or more ~~visual elements~~ explorer decorations, wherein the shell interaction module is further configured to identify, for at least a portion of the one or more item-types represented by the selected items, one or more default item decorations defined by a shell browser that do not conflict with said one or more explorer decorations and to present the non-conflicting default item decorations along with the display of the selected items.

22. (original) The application of Claim 21, wherein said explorer display schema includes one or more decorative elements to be included in a display according to said explorer display schema.

23. (original) The application of Claim 21, wherein said shell interaction module is configured to provide one or more shell view schemas, wherein one of said shell view schemas is utilized to display a subset of selected items.

24. (canceled)

25. (original) The application of Claim 21, wherein said shell interaction module is configured to utilize an item display schema associated with a shell browser to provide one or more display attributes included in the display of one or more selected items.

26. (original) The application of Claim 21, wherein said explorer display schema includes verbs which are related to said selected items.

27. (original) The application of Claim 26, wherein said verbs are associated with applications capable of performing said verbs with respect to one or more of said selected items.

28 – 33. (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) A computerized method for establishing an explorer for presenting to a user items in a data store, said method comprising:

selecting a desired field entry corresponding to a field entry associated with at least one of said items in the data store, wherein at least a portion of said items are associated with one or more field entries;

defining explorer attributes associated with said explorer, wherein said explorer attributes include one or more visual elements selected for display with items having said desired field entry;

selecting a query for identifying items in the data store having said desired field entry, wherein said query is a database query indicating said desired field entry;

storing an explorer as a single item in a data store ~~as an explorer~~, wherein said explorer houses a set of data defining said query and said explorer attributes;

receiving a user input indicating a user desire to view said explorer;

in response to said user input, executing a set of instructions that reads said set of data and that presents one or more items to the user with said explorer attributes defined by said set of data, wherein said executing includes identifying said one or more items having said desired field entry by searching said data store with said query.

35. (original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said desired field entry is associated with an item property desired for each item displayed in said explorer.

36. (original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said explorer attributes include decorative elements, one or more verbs associated with said presented items, and/or one or more data queries associated with said presented items.

37. (original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said explorer attributes include one or more shell view schemas, wherein one of said shell view schemas is utilized to display a subset of said presented items.

38. (original) The method of Claim 34, wherein said display schema includes one or more shell display schemas associated with a shell browser to display one or more presented items.

39. - 44 (canceled)